

The Chair, Lloyd Sullivan at 7:00pm called the regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting to order. Those present included Jenifer Landman (Selectman) and Russell McAllister (Town Administrator).

Questions & Comments

Ms. Landman opened the meeting by noting that North Hampton resident David Chevalier was to finally receive a Purple Heart for his service in the Korean conflict. Senator Smith was scheduled to present the medal. However, the recent tragedy at the world trade center and pentagon preempted the ceremony.

Mr. Sullivan announced that eminent domain proceedings recently initiated by the Board as a means of securing access to Town owned property for the purpose of constructing a telecommunications tower was now cancelled.

Mr. Sullivan also noted that the issue of pursuing an update to the sewer study was at an end. He read from a letter sent by John Simmons. "The possibility, however remote, of a sewer coming into any part of North Hampton seems to have some people anxious to mount the high horse of rhetoric and go off chasing ghosts that do not exist. Because the sewer project update study has the word 'sewer' in it, the rhetoric seems to be running pretty high lately in town that a sewer project is on the way, and I don't think it is doing anyone any good." Mr. Sullivan pronounced the project dead and noted that no further will be initiated in connection with the issue.

Mr. Joe Arena commented on the Coalition Communities and the issue of secession. He noted that he had collected 42 signatures from North Hampton residents that called for invoking Article 10 (secession) of the New Hampshire constitution. Mr. Arena did note that the petition was a way of sending a message concerning the statewide property tax issue.. He urged folks from Town to attend an upcoming meeting in Rye concerning the issue.

Ms. Landman and Mr. Sullivan responded to the issue of filling the vacancy on the Board by noting that they hoped to have a resolution soon.

Telecommunications Tower

Richard Skowronski – Alternative Locations

Mr. Skowronski, of 142 Mill Road, addressed the Board regarding the issue of access to and location of the telecommunications tower. It was noted that Mr. Skowronski is an abutter of the town owned property slated for use as a telecommunications tower. Access through Mr. Skowronski's property was under consideration by the Board in the eminent domain process (now discontinued). Mr. Skowronski presented 66 signatures from residents along Mill Road who opposed the location of the Tower. Mr. Skowronski thanked the Board for dropping the issue and volunteered to look into the issue relative to finding a new location. The Board thanked Mr. Skowronski for his involvement and accepted his offer to continue working on the issue.

Code Enforcement Issue - CANCELLED

Peter Simmons

Selectmen Issues

Revisions to Town Parking Ordinances

Mr. Brian Page (Chief of Police) briefed the Board concerning the Town's revised parking ordinance. Mr. Page highlighted the changes. It was noted that the hours of the winter parking ban were being changed from midnight to 7:00am to midnight to 6:00am. The other change recommended for revision concerned the dollar amount of the fine. The proposed change in the amount of the fine was to move from a \$10 fine

to a fine amount that ranged from a minimum of \$10 not to exceed \$50. Mr. Strout noted that the adoption required three meetings prior to adoption by the Board.

Birch Road Parking Ordinance

Mr. Page next addressed the issue of the new parking ordinance proposed, at the planning board's request, for Birch Road. The highlights of the ordinance included:

- No parking on the westerly side of Birch Road beginning at North Road to an area approximately 1,000' south of the Evergreen Drive.
- No parking on the easterly side of Birch Road beginning at the intersection of Evergreen Drive to an area approximately 1,000' north of the North Road intersection.
- Fines for violations shall not be less than \$10 and shall not exceed \$50.

Mr. Strout once again reiterated the necessity of holding three meetings prior to adoption.

Ms. Landman next addressed the issue of dumping on Sylvan Road. It was noted that nearby residents often brought lawn clippings, leaves and brush to the site, which is owned by the Town. Ms. Landman voiced concerns regarding the water quality of the stream that ran through the property. Ms. Landman made the motion to install a "No Dumping" sign, as well as adopt a no dumping policy at the site. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Ms. Landman reported that over the weekend both herself and Mr. Sullivan attended Selectmen Training that covered the topic of 'harassment in the workplace'. Harassment is a serious issue that pertained not only to employees, but also volunteer boards and commissions. Everyone involved in activities on behalf of the Town should be cognizant of the potential liabilities harassment entailed. The TA offered to draft a policy for Board review.

Administration/Business

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to accept the regular minutes of September 10th, 2001. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

- a. Minutes - September 10th 2001
- b. Payroll
- c. Manifest
- d. CDBG Manifest
- e. Intent to Cut – John Corbet (FOC)
- f. Verizon – Pole Licenses
- g. NHDOT – Driveway Permit / Wetlands Permit

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting Mr. Sullivan made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. The public meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00pm. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to convene in non-public Session RSA 91-A:3 II (e) to discuss pending claims and litigation. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. The vote was approved by unanimous consent and so moved.

Respectfully,
Russell McAllister
Town Administrator